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# INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF MR. WILLIAM ("BILLY") KLEMMER

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On November 7, 1990, at 4:30 p.m., Ms. Mary O'Brien and Ms. Liz Sanders of TechLaw, Inc., interviewed Mr. William ("Billy") Klemmer in his home regarding the Welsh Road Landfill site (hereinafter "the site"). The purpose of the interview was to obtain information from Mr. Klemmer, a former site employee, regarding his duties at the site, and his knowledge of waste disposal practices and generators of waste to the site.

Mr. Klemmer stated that he began his employment at the site in approximately 1975 as a truck driver for Barkman Disposal. Mr. Klemmer worked for Barkman Disposal for approximately 2 1/2 years. Barkman Disposal was then sold to SCA Services, Inc. (SCA). Mr. Klemmer worked for SCA for approximately 1 year before leaving the site. Mr. Klemmer presently works

Mr. Klemmer stated that during his tenure with Barkman Disposal and SCA, Mr. Ernest Barkman was his immediate supervisor. Mr. Klemmer drove both roll-off and rear-end loader trucks, and would make 40 to 50 pick-up stops each day starting in the early morning hours of 3:00 and 4:00 a.m.

According to Mr. Klemmer, he transported all of his loads to the site and unloaded his trucks "right behind his [Mr. Barkman's] garage." Mr. Klemmer hauled primarily commercial and municipal wastes to the site during his 3 1/2 years of employment at the site.

# Waste Disposal at the Site

Mr. Klemmer was questioned concerning companies whose wastes were disposed at the fite. These names were extracted through the contractor's review of site related files. Mr. Klemmer was asked to provide the dates of disposal; the types and amounts of the wastes; and the color, texture, and the odor of the wastes. Mr. Klemmer provided the following information:

## Schick Electric

Mr. Klemmer hauled material from Schick Electric's (Schick) "main plant" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to the site three times

per week. Normally, Schick was scheduled for early Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning pick-ups. Mr. Klemmer stated that he utilized a rear-end loader truck for Schick and would haul a total of three 3-yard dumpsters on each trip.

Mr. Klemmer indicated that the Schick dumpsters contained various 35-gallon metal cans, 55-gallon metal drums, paper, and general trash. Mr. Klemmer explained that a 3-yard dumpster could hold approximately four to five 55-gallon drums or eight 35-gallon cans.

Mr. Klemmer stated that the 35-gallon metal cans and 55-gallon metal drums frequently held liquid waste. Mr. Klemmer indicated that the liquid waste was sometimes clear and sometimes purple in color. He was not certain of the odor of the liquid; however, he stated that it may have smelled similar to paint thinner. Mr. Klemmer could not recall any labels or other markings on the drums. He further stated that he hauled "at least" eight to ten of the 35-gallon cans and eight to ten of the 55-gallon drums each week from Schick during the 3 1/2 years he worked at the site.

Mr. Klemmer recalled that the Schick plant was located in Lancaster on the third street off the Route 30 exit ramp behind the McDonald's Restaurant.

#### Lancaster Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Klemmer stated that he picked up the Lancaster Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant's (Lancaster Municipal) sewage sludge 7 days a week. Mr. Klemmer was given a key to the plant and would pick up the waste at night or in the early morning. After the waste was loaded, Mr. Klemmer would leave a handwritten note at the plant to indicate that he had been there.

Mr. Klemmer stated that he utilized a rear-end loader truck to empty approximately seven 3-yard dumpsters every day from Lancaster Municipal. Mr. Klemmer would then mix the sewage sludge with trash from other stops on his route. When Mr. Klemmer arrived at the site, he would dump the waste behind Mr. Barkman's garage.

Mr. Klemmer believes that Mr. Barkman had a verbal contract with the manager or the head of the sewage plant for the disposal of these wastes. However, he could not recall any other details concerning Lancaster Municipal.

#### Sperry-New Holland

Mr. Klemmer stated that he hauled Sperry-New Holland's (Sperry) wastes to the site on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Sperry would call Barkman Disposal when a pick-up was needed, which was normally every other day. Mr. Klemmer stated that at least 35, 3-yard dumpsters were located at the Sperry

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plant. In addition to the 3-yard dumpsters, there were at least five to six, 30-yard dumpsters that were also hauled to the site. The dumpsters contained waste that included equipment parts, motors, wood, cans, and oil.

According to Mr. Klemmer, it "didn't matter what was in the containers; we took it." Mr. Klemmer stated that Mr. Barkman had a contract to haul "everything" from Sperry.

Mr. Klemmer stated that he hauled 55-gallon and 35-gallon drums from Sperry to the site. The drums "mostly" contained motors and used oil; however, Mr. Klemmer also recalled drums filled with clear and blue liquids. Mr. Klemmer hauled a total of 20 to 25, 55-gallon and 35-gallon drums on each trip from Sperry. Some of the drums were open while others were closed. Mr. Klemmer stated that the drums could be found inside Sperry's dumpsters as well as located upright beside the dumpsters. He could not recall any labels or other markings on the drums.

Mr. Klemmer indicated that Sperry's wastes were also dumped at the site behind Mr. Barkman's garage.

#### Sonoco Products

Mr. Klemmer stated that the waste he hauled from the Sonoco Products (Sonoco) facility located in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, to the site consisted entirely of closed 55-gallon drums. Sonoco had seven 30- to 40-yard open dumpsters. According to Mr. Klemmer, 50 to 100 drums would be stacked in each dumpster. Mr. Klemmer made approximately three trips per week to Sonoco, hauling the contents of three of the dumpsters on each trip.

Mr. Klemmer did not recall any labels on the drums; however, he recalled that most of the drums contained what appeared to be used oils. Some of the drums contained what appeared to be paint thinners or clear liquids that had an odor similar to paint remover. Mr. Klemmer indicated that Sonoco wastes were also disposed of behind Mr. Barkman's garage. Mr. Barkman or Mr. Jimmy Good then drove over these drums to crush them and liquid oozed out.

## Penguin Industries

Mr. Klemmer could not recall ever hauling for Penguin Industries; however, the name sounded familiar to him. Mr. Klemmer believes that another driver named "Bobby," last name unknown (lnu), hauled from Penguin Industries to the site.

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# Sherex Chemical Company

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding the Sherex Chemical Company.

#### Howmet Aluminum

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding Howmet Aluminum.

#### Dart Container

Mr. Klemmer hauled waste to the site from Dart Container (Dart), located in Leola, Pennsylvania, four to five times per week. Mr. Klemmer stated that Dart's facility had a total of four 30-yard containers. Mr. Klemmer indicated that the containers held waste styrofoam tableware, such as plates, forks, and knives. No liquids were present in the containers, according to Mr. Klemmer.

#### Allen Sherman-Hoff

At first, Mr. Klemmer did not recall Allen Sherman-Hoff (Hoff). However, when Ms. Sanders offered that Hoff is a pipe manufacturer located in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, on Route 10, Mr. Klemmer recalled that he hauled waste from the Hoff facility. According to Mr. Klemmer, Hoff had three 4-yard open containers that were hauled by Barkman Disposal/SCA four times per week. Metal scrap, metal threadings/shreddings, and trash were disposed of in the open containers. Mr. Klemmer stated that "only once in a great while," Hoff would dispose of one or two 55-gallon drums; however, he could not recall any liquid waste.

#### Budd Company

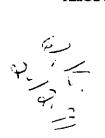
Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding the Budd Company.

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Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding Arco.

#### American Cyanamid

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding American Cyanamid.



# Santmere Industries

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any information regarding Santmere Industries.

#### Redmond's Mobile Homes

Mr. Klemmer stated that household trash was hauled to the site from Redmond's Mobile Homes, located in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. He indicated that the waste was most likely household trash.

#### A Shirt Manufacturer in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania

Mr. Klemmer stated that he hauled thread and rag wastes to the site from a "shirt place" located next to the Neoplan facility in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. Mr. Klemmer further stated that the "shirt place" is "up the street" from Redmond's Mobile Homes, going toward Honey Brook, on Welsh Road. The "shirt place" had a total of four 3-yard open containers. According to Mr. Klemmer, no liquids were ever hauled from the "shirt place" and pick-ups were scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

Mr. Klemmer could not recall the names of personnel with whom he interacted at the companies mentioned above.

#### Site Employees

Mr. Klemmer identified the following current and former site employees who may have knowledge of activities at the site:

Jimmy Good: Mr. Klemmer indicated that Mr. Good lives

Walter ("Clevy") Clevenstein: Mr. Klemmer indicated that Mr. Clevenstein was living approximately 1 year ago.

Mr. Klemmer stated that last summer Mr. Jackson lived

Larry Parson: Mr. Klemmer stated that Mr. Parson lives

Hap Hohl: According to Mr. Klemmer, Mr. Hohl was a "trash picker" and worked on the back of a rear-end loader.

Mr. Klemmer identified the following individuals as current and former site employees; however he did not have any additional information concerning these individuals:

Danny and David Good

Dexter Lalli

Harold (last name unknown)

Arthur Cotton

Billy Jackson, Jr.

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any other individuals knowledgeable about waste disposal activities at the site.

#### Site Operations

Mr. Klemmer stated that Mr. Barkman directed that wastes behind the garage be covered with soil by a dozer before the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) came to conduct inspections of the site. Mr. Klemmer stated that during some PADER inspections, PADER agents "never came around back," and Mr. Klemmer believes that Mr. Barkman "took care of them," indicating that he felt Mr. Barkman bribed the agents.

However, Mr. Klemmer also stated that Mr. Barkman was fined by PADER several times for dumping violations. According to Mr. Klemmer, Mr. Barkman would "cool off" for a few weeks and then resume the illegal dumping. Mr. Klemmer stated that "they could haul out of there [the site] for years and never get to the bottom."

Mr. Klemmer stated that there were processed driver slips; however, Mr. Klemmer wrote the amount of waste he picked up from each facility on a piece of paper, When Mr. Klemmer arrived at the site, he gave the slip of paper to Mrs. Grace Barkett who handled all of the paper work at the site. Mr. Klemmer further stated that Mrs. Grace Barkman kept records of everything. However, he did not have any other knowledge of site records.

Mr. Klemmer stated that he observed Mr. Barkman giving money to

According to Mr. Klemmer, Mr. Barkman is "loaded" and operates many businesses under the umbrella name of Twin Valley Disposal. However, Mr. Klemmer was unable to elaborate on individual company names operated by Mr. Barkman.

[Note: The interviewer believes that Mr. Klemmer may be confusing "Twin Valley Disposal" with "Twin County Disposal."]

Mr. Klemmer could not recall any other information concerning waste disposal at the site and the interview was concluded at approximately 6:00 p.m.

# Statement of William ("Billy") Klemmer:

I, William ("Billy") Klemmer, have read the above statement and it is true and accurate to the best of my recollection. I have signed this page and initialed each of the above six pages to attest to their accuracy. No promises or threats have been made to me and no coercion of any kind has been used against me to make me sign this statement.

Signature: Williem & Comment of the Date: 2-10-2

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